

**West Bedford High School**  
SAC MEETING March 6, 2025

**Call to Order:** 6:05 pm

**Attendance:**

Sean MacDonald, Alison Walker- *Administration*

Sarah Jeans (Co-Chair), Nkem Emezie-Ejinima (Co-Chair), Funmi Irabor, Deborah Gilbert-  
*Parents*

Vanessa Turner, Keith Demone, Rebecca Engram (absent), Peggy MacLean (absent) - *Staff*  
Conor Amero (absent), Semilore Olaoye, Naira Batra – *Students*

*Guests:*

**Approval of Minutes from December 12, 2024**

Moved by: Vanessa and Nkem

*Unanimous approval*

**Old Business**

1. Welcome Deborah Gilbert as our parent representative
2. Mascot update
  - The 50% deposit has been paid. \$1495
  - West Bedford School received some additional grants/funding so we will now only be responsible to pay for 50% of the remaining balance
  - We do not yet have a timeline of receiving the mascot – it does usually take a lot of time
3. Chromebooks update
  - We received another Chromebook cart (paid for by the SAC) and they filled the cart with Chromebook and some additional (for a total of 78 Chromebook)
  - \$2311 was the cost of the Chrome cart
4. Community-Building Update (Founding Day: school announced Nov 2019?)
  - What is our founding day? Is it the day the school was announced or groundbreaking? HRCE Operations is looking into this for us.
  - We will need to select a day and promote this.
  - We will need to connect both Student Council's together to plan this and make suggestions on what this date should be called and then how to promote activities to celebrate this date.
  - Celebration similar to Alumni Week or Homecoming Week – do we want this to be a Spring or Fall event.

- It is an opportunity to celebrate the successes and growth of our community. For example having an open house to showcase various arts, products, and performances.

## **New Business**

### **1. Hockey**

- We have received applications for enough coaching
- We have had a good turnout on the survey for the number of students.
- The students we have are predominantly grade 9s. There are some safety concerns that these students would be playing against much larger grade 12 students.

### **2. SAC funding**

- There is ~\$2000 in the SAC account remaining.
- There is a new Drama group in the school who are heading towards Drama fest soon. It may be good to have some t-shirts or costumes to support this program.
  - Drama Fest is May 7-9
- BIRT the SAC support the Drama Club with \$500 to purchase WBH merch prior to Drama Fest.

Moved by Nkem & Funmi

***Unanimous approval***

### **3. Exam week feedback (study night, locations, scheduling, etc.)**

- It was more complex having both Grade 7-8s and 9-11s during exam week.
- We used the gym to have as many students write in one place at a time.
  - On the first day of exams, students in the gym were impacted by the PP-6s in the gym next door. Also limiting the gym at this time was a pressure and difficulty for the 7 and 8s.
  - If we did not use the gym, it does tie up more staff to cover the different classroom spaces, which may prevent the subject teachers from being able to circulate to all the students who may need support.
- Some of the Grade 7 and 8 classes had to be moved to accommodate exam rooms.
- Study Night – Chromebooks were not accessible on this evening, and this was simply an oversight. This was a lesson learned for the future.

### **4. Course selection and school choice**

- We are in the middle of course selection.
- Upon return from March Break all the grade 9s will be completed with Grade 10s and 11s beginning.
- We have fewer remaining compared to last year. - We will have 200 (~50%) grade 10s compared to 250 (~60%) this year.

- CPA draws students for a variety of reasons including access to IB, Division 1 sport teams, and not being with grade 7-9s.
  - When we are looking at the projection for the numbers for next year, there is some concern about where to place all the students for homeroom and TA next year.
  - Currently the projections show that we should have more grade 7-8 classes and that these should be at cap.
5. Graduating Class of 2026
- The community is starting to talk about this.
  - After March Break, the administration will reach out to the community to start putting together planning committees for such things as graduation and prom.
  - Administration is leading towards having prom being led by a community committee.
  - School Counsellors have begun putting together a Scholarship book to plan for Scholarship applications for next year.
6. SAC Innovation Fund
- Applications were expected to be sent out in February. There has been no information sent to date.
  - The funding comes from EECD.

### Principal's Report

- As circulated
- Of note
  - African Heritage Month had many amazing activities and opportunities for students.
  - High School dance is now on the 19<sup>th</sup> of March.
  - Some additions and changes to staffing
- SSP Update
  - **Math** – cycle 2 – focusing on getting in the moment assessment through conversation and observation.
    - We noticed that the mid-year exam had an impact on many students. It is felt that it is better for the students to have the practice of writing the exam and going through this process prior to writing the Provincial Exam in grade 10.
    - Based on the Semester 1 grades, WBH is in line with all other high schools in terms of success rates.
  - **Literacy** – cycle 2 – focusing on promoting taking risks by talking about their thoughts and ideas prior to writing
  - **Well-being** – the grade 7-8 space has been developed as a welcoming space and is continuing to work on building them into the larger school community.

**Students' Report**

- The dance that was supposed to be February 13<sup>th</sup> has now been rescheduled for March 19<sup>th</sup>. And another dance in May
- The Junior High has a dance on April 10<sup>th</sup>.
- There is now an intramurals calendar made.

Motion to Adjourn 7:25 pm

**NEXT MEETING:** April 10. 2025